

## **COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC/PUBLIC SAFETY**

**January 11, 2005**

**5:30 PM**

Chairman Sysyn called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Sysyn, Guinta, Smith, Forest, O'Neil  
Alderman DeVries

Messrs.: Tom Arnold, Tom Lolicata, Officer Kelley

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 3 of the agenda:

3. Communication from Valerie Dixon, National MS Society, requesting the use of Arms Park on Saturday, April 16, 2005 from 6 AM until 3 PM in conjunction with the annual Manchester MS Walk.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Smith, it was voted to approve the request for the use of Arms Park on April 16, 2005.

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 4 of the agenda:

4. Communication from Sam Tay, Little Saigon, requesting the issuance of three (3) parking permits for the Middle Street Parking Lot.

Alderman O'Neil asked would it be appropriate to table for now where we've had some discussions about a parking study before we hand out any more of these permits.

Chairman Sysyn stated I favor this one because the guy is paying more in fines than he would be paying to rent three parking spaces at that parking lot. He does delivery service and he has three delivery cars out there and I would like to see this move forward, if we could.

Alderman O'Neil moved to approve the request for the issuance of three parking permits in the Middle Street Parking Lot at the recommendation of the Chairman. Alderman Smith duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 5 of the agenda:

5. Communication from William Dion, Speed Management Group, LLC, requesting to exempt Pearl and Orange Streets from the Odd-Even Parking Ban or work out a modified plan in light of the recent conversion to one-way streets.

Chairman Sysyn stated this was that area we turned into one-way streets in order to give them more parking on the streets.

Alderman Guinta stated Tom has been working very diligently in trying to resolve some of the issues for the residents in this particular area and I think in that effort there was expectation of trying to increase the parking but because of the bans we have actually potentially reduced the size or the number of parking spots, so we're really trying to provide some relief to the residents on that street by making this implementation.

Mr. Thomas Lolicata, Director of Traffic, stated in the interim I might have an answer to help these people out. The Highway Department is having a hard time in that area. I suggest that these people on the odd-even nights from November to May park in the Pearl Street Parking Lot especially after five o'clock at the islands where there's no meters, it's free parking except, of course, in emergencies everybody has to be out of the lots and off the streets. That's the only answer I can come up with right now to help these people because it's getting to the point where the Highway Department can't get through either.

Chairman Sysyn stated also during a snow emergency people can park in the garages, they can park at Victory Garage after ten until six in the morning and I believe that the Canal Street Garage is allowing them to park there...I know I left my car there overnight and I don't think they'd stop you but then if you leave it after six you'd have to pay by the hour for being there. But, it's a lot cheaper than being towed.

Alderman Forest stated I think the last time this came before this Committee I don't recall if it was a petition or a letter because they didn't have enough parking, they wanted both sides of the street, they wanted us to make it a one-way which we did. Now, they're asking us to exempt them from the odd-even parking and that would only make for more confusion over there. So, the only suggestion I would have is to go back to making it one side of the street "no parking"...that would solve the problem and they could park on one side but it would again reduce the amount of parking on the streets.

Alderman Guinta stated here's the problem...every night they've got to either park on one side of the street or the other. One side of the street has significantly less number of spaces, I don't know which side, but on those evenings they lose out on maybe five or six spaces.

Mr. Lolicata stated there's six to eight spaces.

Alderman Guinta stated so what they're asking for is really just parking on one side of the street all the time which I think would alleviate the resident's problem and would allow emergency vehicles and plow trucks to get through. It's not just on the evenings of a snow emergency, every evening.

Chairman Sysyn stated they wouldn't park during a snow emergency anyway.

Alderman Guinta stated I know but they're not asking about snow emergency evenings they're asking general...every time you move from one side or the other they lose six to eight spots every other night and they have no where to park. So, they're just asking to have that one side of the street for parking all of the time.

Chairman Sysyn asked do you know which side?

Mr. Lolicata stated I think the mix up here is they're looking for the extra spaces during the odd-even nights where some of these cars are going to be stuck one way or the other.

Alderman Guinta stated I think there's more parking on the south side than on the north side, so they want to have parking on the south side every night of the week.

Mr. Lolicata stated they still need both sides for all people. What I'm trying to say is those people who take up one side and the others that are left over park in the Pearl Lot and leave that side open for Highway, I think that would be the best suggestion.

Alderman Forest stated the only other suggestion that I have is what we did at Washington Park...only in reverse. At Washington Park we have no parking from eight at night until six in the morning. We could probably do that on that street to keep them on the other side and then they can park during the day. Like the signs we did at Washington Park we make it a "no parking" zone from eleven at night until seven in the morning.

Mr. Lolicata stated I understand that but at least go back to both sides in the summer.

Alderman Forest stated yes go back to both sides in the summer just November 15<sup>th</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup>. That would answer the question he's going about having parking during the day and limiting the parking at night and the others would be forced to park in the Pearl Street Lot.

Alderman O'Neil stated I could support parking on one side of the street during the winter months, whatever side is going to give them the most parking, unfortunately in this City and it's not just a downtown situation different sides of the streets are going to have different curb cuts and it's not exclusive to any particular ward, that's common throughout the City. So, it's unfortunate that people are going to have to make some decisions here but I cannot support allowing parking on both sides during the winter. There's a department that's missing here...my understanding is and I don't want to put Chief Burkush in the middle of this because I don't think he was the one involved but the Fire Department has a real concern about getting fire trucks down the streets. So, we're not going to be able to solve all of their problems, but I will support parking on one side (whatever that side is) that gives them the most parking for the winter months and I'll make that a motion.

Alderman Guinta duly seconded the motion to park on one side of the street throughout the winter months.

Alderman Guinta stated I've talked to a number of the residents and that appears to be a common ground that everybody agrees to. I don't know that it solves 100% of the problem but it gets them as close to solving a 100% of problem as possible.

Alderman Forest stated I will support the motion but again we're defeating the whole purpose of what we did at the last meeting, but I'll support the motion.

Alderman Guinta stated I agree but I don't know that we actually thought it through...the visual over there is different than when you just speak about it without seeing the parking...I didn't realize how significant, how many spaces we were going to be losing and what we did last time. I don't know that even the neighborhood understood it.

Chairman Sysyn stated I think letting them know that they can use the Pearl Street Parking Lot would be a good idea.

Mr. Lolicata stated this is "no parking" for both streets you want, right, one side.

Chairman Sysyn replied yes one side from November to May.

Chairman Sysyn called for a vote on the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 6 of the agenda:

6. Discussion relative to the dangerous situation in front of Fire Station #6 located at 134 Amory Street when fire trucks are exiting building.

Alderman Forest stated unfortunately Alderman Thibault is not here but I can understand the problem over there at least with the direction of the traffic going west because you're going up Amory Street and you come up to the top of the hill and the firehouse is there and if a truck is backing out...I was wondering, Tom, if you could look up how expensive it would be to put a flasher like the other firehouses have...an electronically controlled light when they go out or come back in.

Mr. Lolicata replied we did that. I sent a gentleman over there...this is a different situation now. This firehouse has two backstreets, which are ways...you have Dubuque Street, Cartier Street plus the exit.

Chairman Sysyn stated Jim Burkush is here, do you wish to speak or do you have anything to add? Okay.

Alderman Forest stated Alderman Thibault at the last Board meeting has suggested this be referred to this Committee and I think there was supposed to have been something sent to Tom and I know Tom's been looking at it.

Mr. Lolicata stated I've got two prices for you. If you did it correctly in all aspects...the backstreet, Pellerin Lane, etc. and would have a heck of a time putting in some of the lights in certain areas you're talking close to \$100,000. The cheapest way is going to cost you at least \$60,000 stopping them just on Amory Street. So, that should give you a ballpark figure. We're afraid, as you know, west bound coming up if the fire engines do go out the red lights still go on...wherever that's positioned it could back up traffic to Notre Dame Avenue and onto the steep hill which we're afraid which is something we will need to look at; that could possibly happen. So, for now I can always throw at you \$100,000 for four (4) complete sets of lights or \$60,000 for just Amory Street.

Alderman Forest stated the only concern I have again with Alderman Thibault is the fact that it only takes one accident there that's caused by one of those fire trucks coming out of there and \$100,000 is minimal.

Mr. Lolicata stated I'm just presenting to you what it would take.

Alderman O'Neil stated, Tom, your point about backing up traffic towards the east on Amory that could happen now without any lights there when the fire trucks are pulling out.

Mr. Lolicata stated that's possible...that's up to the timing, the lights would stay on longer.

Alderman O'Neil stated I don't know if we should put this on the table or refer it to the departments for some feedback and maybe if it does have some merit bring it back here and maybe refer it to the CIP process in the spring time. Do you want to table it or just refer it to the departments?

Alderman O'Neil moved that it be referred to the Fire and Traffic Departments for review and report back to the Committee. Alderman Forest duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 7 of the agenda:

7. Chairman Sysyn advises that the Traffic Department has submitted an agenda, which needs to be addressed as follows:

**PARKING 2 HOURS (8AM – 6PM):**

On Chestnut Street, west side, from Salmon Street to a point 140 feet north of  
Salmon Street  
Alderman Guinta

**NO PARKING:**

On Chestnut Street, west side, from Salmon Street to a point 140 feet north  
Alderman Guinta

On Beacon Street, east side, from a point 35 feet south of Manchester Street to a  
point 35 feet north  
Alderman Sysyn

**RESCIND NO PARKING:**

From Salmon Street to a point 100 feet north (ORD. 2803)  
Alderman Guinta

**RESCIND PARKING 2 HOURS (8AM – 6PM):**

On Chestnut Street, west side, from North Street to Salmon Street (ORD. 8133)

**YIELD SIGN:**

On the Chili's Driveway at South Willow Street (SWC)  
(Reconstruction as part of Dobles Expansion)

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Smith, it was voted to approve the Traffic Department agenda as presented.

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 8 of the agenda:

8. Discussion relative to contract between the City of Manchester and Cameron Real Estate, Inc. (889 Elm Street).

Chairman Sysyn stated this is regarding the permit parking at Victory Garage.

Mr. Lolicata stated the principals are here and Mr. Arnold worked on this, this is 889 Elm Street.

Chairman Sysyn stated Mr. Jay Taylor is here also if we need his input.

Deputy City Solicitor Arnold stated this agreement is literally hot off the press so to speak we just finished up this proposed agreement today. Just to give you a little background. Back in 1985, the building at 889 Elm Street was given a lease on a number of spaces at the Victory Parking Garage; that lease expires on the 20<sup>th</sup> of this year, I believe. Cameron Real Estate approached the City about renewing the agreement. Myself and Tom Lolicata were involved in those discussions. There was some back-and-forth on the agreement, they want to lease spaces outright but only pay for the spaces that were actually used. We didn't feel that was a good idea so there has been some back-and-forth. What this agreement essentially provides is that Cameron Real Estate (i.e., 889 Elm Street) will be given a first priority on leasing spaces in that garage. They presently hold a number of spaces there, I believe 31 or so in that building that would be counted. They're asking to be able to be given first priority...70 spaces, 41 of which they already have. I would note and Mr. Lolicata can address this better than I that that parking lot for all practical purposes is essentially full when you take into account the number of leases there are there already and some spaces for transient public parking in that lot. This agreement is for five years...Cameron Real Estate does have an option to renew for five years, the agreement goes on to provide that this agreement is not assignable without the written consent of the City with the

thought being that if the building were to be sold by Cameron Real Estate they would have to come in and make a presentation as to why they think this agreement ought to be transferred to the new owners. The price for the parking spaces is what I guess is defined as "market rate" the rate set forth by ordinance for all the parking garages here in the City. At present, that would be \$70.00. It also provides that as it changes from time-to-time, so if the Board were to change the rate in the garage the rate that would be paid by whatever tenants using the spaces in the garages, tenants of 889 Elm Street. I think that that is the agreement in a nutshell.

Chairman Sysyn stated so he wants the 41 spaces and he's go up to 70, he'd have first choice on any that become available if he needs over the 41 spaces.

Deputy City Solicitor Arnold replied yes.

Alderman O'Neil asked, Tom, can you just explain the mechanics of this. It's like they're guaranteed 41 spaces and then they can get an additional 29.

Deputy City Solicitor Arnold replied they're not guaranteed any spaces. What I am saying is that they presently have 41 spaces and they would maintain those spaces.

Alderman O'Neil asked what does "first priority" mean?

Deputy City Solicitor Arnold replied what it means is that if they need additional spaces that they would be given first priority.

Alderman O'Neil stated they're not asking for the right to get up to 70 spaces, okay.

Deputy City Solicitor Arnold stated I would note that the agreement is clear that if spaces are lost for whatever reason. For instance, under this agreement it's anticipated that the individual tenants using those spaces will pay for them. But, if the tenant doesn't make a payment we would take the normal process of turning off their card, they'd lose their lease in the space which means they might get below 40 spaces and they would have to use the first priority (i.e., get in line for an empty space) in order to replace that.

Alderman O'Neil moved to recommend approval of an agreement for up to 70 parking spaces in the Victory Parking Garage between the City of Manchester and Cameron Real Estate, Inc. Alderman Smith duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.



## **TABLED ITEMS**

9. Report of the Traffic Committee recommending that all metered parking be changed from Monday-Friday, 8AM-8PM to Monday-Friday, 8AM-6PM.

This item remained tabled.

10. Report regarding parking garage contract RFP's.

Chairman Sysyn stated shouldn't item 10 come off, didn't we already extend that contract until February 15<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Forest, it was voted to remove item 10 from the table for discussion.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Forest, it was voted to receive and file.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman O'Neil stated we have a few matters, Madame Chair. On behalf of Alderman DeVries, she sent us a letter regarding an issue down in her ward and I guess it's been back-and-forth on whether...it's an issue of dumping snow where they're driving through a Manchester neighborhood to get to a Londonderry piece of commercial property, if I'm correct Alderman DeVries, and she's looking for some help in trying to address the issue. I don't know if Officer Kelley is up on this issue or not, but it's a combination of...in talking to Alderman DeVries, a noise issue in the middle of the night when they're banging the tailgate on the dump trucks to get snow out and it's affecting their quality of life. I don't know exactly what we can do other than take a vote to encourage the Police working with other City departments they need to address this issue.

Alderman Forest stated I called Frank Thomas today in reference to Alderman DeVries' letter. Frank explained to me and I was hoping that he'd have somebody here tonight but I guess not. Due to the snow emergencies that are going on it's difficult I think for the Police to enforce it or for us to stop it. We can't stop Brady

Sullivan from dumping on their property. I know it's a noise factor and all but I think from what Frank explained because of a snow emergency the City Ordinance doesn't apply as far as the noise and all that, so I really don't know what we can do to stop it, it's all over the City when it snows.

Alderman DeVries stated we have been chasing this issue for several months because, in fact, the real issue at hand is that the change of use on this property which seats mostly in Londonderry. There's a small piece, we believe, in Manchester...has occurred without any sort of permitting process. We believe there's a curb cut sitting in Manchester which should have had an application and a permit process. We also believe that Londonderry would have had jurisdiction over site plan review or whatever their process called for and it appears that has not happened because Manchester would have been notified in that process. We felt that we had received some positive feed several months ago from Londonderry and that we would certainly be party to the table in their discussions...if not eliminate to mitigate any of the disturbance to the residential neighborhood. There is no other way currently today onto this property in Londonderry. They are awaiting access for a road that it yet to be built which will come in with the Airport Access Road. What I have done to address this issue because this weekend...Friday and Sunday night appeared to be the first of the snow dumping and I agree with Alderman Forest that if I'm looking to enforce this under noise ordinance there is an exemption for snow removal under the snow ordinance. I know that one could probably argue that the dumping of snow is not snow removal but that would be a legal question and legal tangling. What we have found, we have changed the signage under emergency ordinance from "No Thru Trucking" because they had a destination of landownership...those trucks could not be stopped under the "No Thru Trucking" signs that were in place and have changed them to "No Trucking between 9PM and 7AM". We also are pursuing it and this Committee could assist me, we're pursuing the curb cut issue which needs to be better defined because we need to clearly find out where the City line is between Londonderry and Manchester in reference to this particular curb cut and I don't think the surveying has occurred to exactly point out where that line is for us to know where the jurisdiction will lay. But, with considerable or additional research I think the City Solicitor can look at a cease and desist...this was done without virtue of a permit through the City of Manchester. If, after review, they find out that they have the authority they can pursue a cease and desist order against the company. That is one thing I would like the Committee to direct this to City Solicitor Tom Clark and I've had conversation with him so he's expecting this action this evening if you so wish. Other items that Police could assist us with because that is a road in Manchester that is grandfathered because if you recall this piece of Brown Avenue...this is as it breaks off of Hazelton Avenue so Route 3A continues as Hazelton and this is a very narrow road that snakes down to a back

neighborhood and over a narrow bridge. The weight bearing of the bridge is adequate for the trucks that it is carrying, but because of the width of the road and the safety problems grandfathered back, I don't recall, maybe 40 years ago the speed limit on that road is 20 mph and people have been following the trucks and it is a legally posted speed limit and the signs were reposted by my several months ago, so it's clearly visual to anybody driving. Now, the trucks that they are having problems with the speed, they've been following them and the claim is that the trucks are speeding through the neighborhood...if Police can assist me, if we can manage to have them there when snow is being removed to this parcel by enforcing the speed limit. Police have also indicated to me that they will look at trying to follow through on any DOT Safety Inspection on the trucks that are going through there because there are some safety issues. There are several departments working with me currently on this...the Mayor's Office also is working to try to improve the communication between our Planning Department in Manchester and the Planning and/or Building Departments of Londonderry because we will have jurisdiction over the site plan review, the potential change of use of this property and they really need to work with us or for us in making sure that any use of this property is legal and permitted. So, I would just say if you could instruct departments as they apply maybe Solicitor, Planning, Mayor's and Highway Department...I'm just hoping that it will help me with added clout to keep this as a priority so that maybe this neighborhood won't have to endure another weekend or month of this kind of noise because it's sleepless and it's on the entire length of this road because they're coming in from both directions...towns south of us and the 293 area.

Alderman Smith stated you've thrown out a lot and I know that on a curb cut you have to come down here to get a City permit and that's very easy to do...a curb cut is usually done by the Highway Department...you can go through the process.

Alderman DeVries stated I have an update for you on that and this is new information.

Alderman Smith stated the same thing has happened over in my ward on Boynton Street near Bedford. When you have a snow emergency they clear out a filling station, some private concern and they dump it on a private lot and the trucks are coming up and down...Boynton Street is posted "No Trucking \$300 Fine"...it's a matter of enforcement. I don't know how you're going to be able to enforce it but my suggestion to you would be to check on the permit, the curb cuts and then ask Frank Thomas if a survey crew would go out and see what the situation might be where Manchester and Londonderry abut each other, but I think you're talking about right where St. Francis Church used to be, that road right there down on Old Brown Avenue where Peter King built all of those apartments.

Chairman Sysyn stated before we do anything on this Matt Normand had another complaint on snow removal.

Deputy Clerk Normand stated we received a complaint this morning from a resident in Ward 1 on Whitford Avenue; that 20 dump trucks had dumped snow in a vacant lot from Nault's on Second Street; that they were told that they had cleared that lot and brought the snow over to Whitford Avenue. And, obviously, the resident was pretty concerned about any environmental issues with salt or what was being dumped. So, I indicated to him we would bring it to the Committee's attention.

Mr. Lolicata stated I'm just getting news of this because I worked with Alderman DeVries today on a few things and we talked about this. Would it be possible for these fellas during a snow emergency to take these lots and just pile them and then during the daytime remove the snow so that they won't bother the residents. In other words, they don't have to haul all the snow at night. We do it sometimes... take all the snow, pile it in one areas especially during a big storm and the following day we'll take care of it. If they do that during the daytime and get their piling done at night maybe that might be something to think about.

Alderman DeVries stated I guess I'll address both questions and then I'll have a comment for the Committee. I really don't know the exact properties that the snow is coming from so I really can't comment as to what reason they are choosing to move their snow at night from properties and if these properties aren't all originating in Manchester...they own properties throughout southern New Hampshire so judging from the direction and the use of the road it appears that they're coming from many directions and many different properties. It was not during one of our snow emergencies that the snow was being moved from their properties to be dumped on this vacant land...starting Friday night and ending...Sunday they were there from eleven at night until six-thirty in the morning on Monday. So, there was no snow emergency in place for the City of Manchester at that time.

Chairman Sysyn stated they must have been picking up from their property.

Alderman DeVries stated exactly. I might suggested and I don't know if it's anything you will want to act on but it might be worth reviewing the ordinance specific, the exemption under the noise ordinance given for snow emergencies or to see if there is some other ordinance that you wish to look at...to find the plowing of snow from snow removal.

Chairman Sysyn stated that's something maybe Tom Arnold could look up, but that should be for the whole City because I don't think that's the only existing...it's not for one person or one lot.

Alderman DeVries stated I would warn you that I've had some discussions about that noise ordinance and we could cripple snow removal efforts on some of our hospitals, commercial lots, any kind of parking lot in the City needs to move snow to clear it for the next break of day for customers, so it's not going to be a simple solution looking at that noise ordinance, but certainly plowing of snow can be treated differently than the clearing of a parking lot.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Forest, it was voted to refer the matter relative to the removal of snow dumping to the City Solicitor, Police, Planning and Highway Departments.

Alderman O'Neil asked, Officer Kelley, did Lt. Valenti happen to give you any stats about the number of cars towed or anything like that. Maybe we just get an update from Officer Kelley...I spoke to Lt. Valenti yesterday.

Officer Jeffrey Kelley stated for the January 6<sup>th</sup> storm we towed 265 cars during the snow emergency and they issued 201 snow emergency tickets. I believe over 100 of those tickets were issued just in the Country Club Drive area.

Alderman Forest interjected they had 172 cars there during one storm.

Officer Kelley stated for the tow operation for the eighth over the weekend there were 222 vehicles towed and we issued 29 snow emergency tickets.

Alderman O'Neil asked any idea at all, Jeff, why only 29 for that second storm?

Officer Kelley replied I believe the majority of the tickets, the 201 on the 6<sup>th</sup> was due to the fact that they had tagged 100+ cars on Country Club Drive that night. So, the majority of the time they were busy towing vehicles from the City streets but on that night they issued the tickets instead of towing from Country Club Drive.

Alderman O'Neil stated I wasn't sure there was going to be a snow emergency... what was the night of the second storm?

Officer Kelley replied Saturday night.

Alderman O'Neil stated I called the Police station, the officer answered good evening, this is officer so and so, yes there is a snow emergency tonight... apparently, a number of people have been calling. You can get on an e-mail list from the Highway Department that informs you when a snow emergency is declared so the point of bringing this up is we have to encourage people to get off the road and you need to call either the Highway or Police Departments to find out when there is a snow emergency and ask the public...I think last year we had two of them for the year...to cooperate with us during the limited number of times that there are snow emergencies. Secondly, I just want to bring up something in my discussion with Lt. Valenti I didn't realize that if they don't tow your car and they give you a snow emergency ticket it's only \$25.00 and in discussion with Lt. Valenti we were talking about whether or not that has enough clout to encourage people to take appropriate action to get their car off the streets and I'd like us to at least refer to Highway and to Police to take a look at whether or not that is a fine that should be going up and unfortunately we won't think of doing these things in May or June.

Officer Kelley stated I have a list here of other areas around the State and what they charge. For example, Portland, Maine charges \$25.00 a ticket for a snow emergency ticket; Concord, New Hampshire the same thing \$25.00 and after five days it goes up to \$50.00; in Nashua, New Hampshire gives out a ticket in a winter emergency of \$100.00; Dover gives out a \$15.00 ticket; and we give out \$25.00 and after seven days it goes up to \$50.00.

Alderman O'Neil stated I would just ask that the two departments that would be involved look at it to see if it would help the situation a little bit. Also, if they can because there's one other thing I ended up calling in this weekend and that's to take a look at the fine for people who put snow back into the streets, not far from me Highway did a great job in plowing the street, you get up first thing Sunday morning and it was bare pavement and some guy for about 100 feet blew snow back right into the street...I don't think there's enough teeth in that ordinance, maybe they can take a look at that ordinance at the same time.

Chairman Sysyn stated some of the people are so rude, they took their snow from their sidewalks...two or three sidewalks and dumped in on a lady's sidewalk who's elderly and couldn't get out...her neighbors helped her and they finally got the guy who did this to clear the sidewalk.

Alderman O'Neil moved to have Police and Highway Departments review fines for snow emergency citations (\$25.00) and also review and possible increase of fines for placing snow back into the street with reports back to Committee.

Alderman Smith stated I'm very familiar with the snow plowing or removal at night and during the day. I can tell you at least 200 sites a night where a filling station will push the snow across Elm Street which has just been plowed or a sidewalk plow where a snow blower goes through and then they pile the snow up so the children can't walk to school. It's a matter of enforcement, it's just like speeding you have to be there when they're doing it and most of this activity takes place during the night.

Alderman O'Neil stated I don't disagree with Alderman Smith, I just think it's worth looking at and maybe we need to put some teeth in the fine.

Alderman Forest duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Alderman O'Neil stated this matter came up at the Baseball Committee meeting last evening and I was actually aware of this through a phone call but the 25 plus parking spaces down next to the retail site of the Riverfront Project...there was agreement from what I understand in the report that Mr. Thomas gave last night between the baseball people and the retail people that it should be 2-hour parking...the question would be what is more appropriate to do it with meters or with signs and I guess what I would like to do is move that we recommend the 2-hour parking but ask Police and Traffic and Highway to work with...which is much more appropriate from an operational standpoint or from an enforcement standpoint. I know for me personally if I'm going out to a place I'd prefer not feeding a meter I'd rather pull up for two hours and just go by signs but I don't know that that will work down there.

Chairman Sysyn stated I would prefer the meters but anyway.

Alderman O'Neil asked if we could refer that matter to them so that they can take a look at.

Alderman Forest stated I have one additional comment on that and I can't remember who I spoke to also. They were asking about handicapped bags down there too if they had meters.

Chairman Sysyn stated Shawn Smith, I believe, spoke to me about it...they would bag the meters for the handicapped...

Alderman O'Neil stated one of the things was that they had actually shown eight handicapped spots right in front of the retail, they really only need the eight handicapped spots when the baseball games are going on, so that those spaces can be actually non-handicapped spaces and that was one of the thoughts on why to do the meters so then we can do that bag that we've done up by the arena now. The meters might make that part of it a little easier to do, I don't know. But, I would throw that to the departments to let them figure out what to do.

Chairman Sysyn stated Shawn Smith had spoken to me about it but then he was getting together with the others.

Alderman O'Neil stated this is an issue for the retail people because they've gone to get a bank loan and the bank wants to know how many parking spaces they're going to have for the retail business.

Alderman O'Neil moved that 25 spaces by the new ballpark be reviewed by Police, Traffic and Highway Department for recommendation on meters versus signage versus bags with a report back to the Committee. Alderman Forest duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Smith, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee